

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN YOUR HOME?

You Should Be Interested in This Contest.  
Your Chance at Last.

ENTER AT ONCE! DON'T DELAY

Don't Wait to Be Nominated—Do It Yourself—Your Efforts Will Win.

Have you entered the race for that elegant \$5,500 home which The Washington Herald is giving away in the great contest, or are you still "on the fence," as it were? You know, of course, that the quicker you decide to get into the race the better will be your chances of winning.

So we beg the privilege of advising you to begin now—at once.

Have you ever contemplated the satisfaction and pride which goes with the knowledge that you are living in your own home? Have you ever tried to figure out the problem of how it could be done? Sometimes it is a difficult problem to solve. But we are giving you the great opportunity. To be sure, there are not homes for all who may enter the contest, but your chances are as good as those of any other candidate and it may as well be you as any one else. Then, should you fail to win the home, there are seventy-six other prizes which are well worth your efforts.

To name a few of the more important ones, there are: A big White Steamer motor "O," than which there is no better machine made. Indeed, we feel safe in saying that it is the best of its kind—best that money can buy. This machine is given as a second prize, and, as in the case of the home, too much can be said in its favor.

As a third prize there is a fine Columbia Victoria electric, a model of perfection and elegance. And this machine, too, is worthy of the highest praise.

The fourth and fifth prizes, respectively building lot valued at \$1,000 and a trip to Europe, with privilege of selecting a friend to accompany you.

The other prizes, too numerous to mention here, are of an excellent quality sufficient to repay you for the little trouble to which you may put yourself.

And now we ask you, don't you think it would be wise to try for one of these? Don't you really think it foolish to stay out of the race when you may win so easily?

Think it over. You ladies who have been wondering what you might do during your leisure hours—can you think of a more profitable way of employing them than in working in this great contest? We think not.

You do not have to wait until you are nominated, you know. You may nominate yourself. Then go in and win. You simply cannot afford to throw away this golden opportunity. It may mean the winning of one of these valuable prizes. Who can tell it may be the home.

And all you have to do is to secure the largest number of votes, as per conditions mentioned elsewhere in this paper. Then yours will be the satisfaction, the pride, the glory of having won something that is vastly more than sufficient consideration for your time and efforts.

We want you to ask us about the contest. We want to interest you in it. We want you to see the enormous profit to be gained.

**Distribution of Prizes.** There are eighteen districts in this contest; eleven districts in the city and seven on the outside.

The grand capital prize, a \$5,500 house and lot, will be awarded to the contestant who secures the largest number of votes in the entire contest, regardless of district limitations.

The second grand prize, a White Steamer automobile, will be awarded to the contestant receiving the second largest number of votes in the entire contest.

The Columbia electric victoria will be awarded to the contestant receiving the third largest number of votes in the entire contest.

A building lot, valued at \$1,000, will be awarded to the contestant receiving the fourth largest number of votes in the entire contest.

The fifth grand prize, a European tour, will be awarded to the contestant receiving the fifth largest number of votes in the entire contest. The contestant winning this prize will be privileged to select a friend to accompany her on this European tour.

The district prizes will be awarded to the contestants receiving the first, second, third, and fourth largest number of votes in their district, regardless of the number of votes cast in other districts.

Remember that a candidate in any one district is not confined to securing votes in his particular district, but can secure them in any place in the United States.

**How to Win.** Any residents in the eighteen districts mentioned in our full page announcement, who desire to enter this great contest and win one of the magnificent awards offered, should at once see that their names are sent to the contest manager. All that is necessary to win is to receive the largest number of votes, according to the conditions mentioned elsewhere in this issue of The Washington Herald.

Candidates should at once interest their friends in the contest and by their united efforts induce as many people as possible to vote for them. The first nomination sent in for a candidate will count one thousand (1,000) votes. Nomination blanks can be cut from The Washington Herald or they can be secured from the contest manager.

**Easy Way to Win.** The easiest and quickest way for a candidate to win is to ask your friends to prepay their subscriptions for from six to twenty-four months. It costs the subscriber nothing extra to do this, and he is saved the annoyance of weekly and monthly collections. By so doing you receive a special vote coupon, as per schedule printed elsewhere.

Orders for the prizes will be given the successful candidates at the close of the contest; same may be used by the candidates themselves or disposed of in any manner they may see fit.

Any one who desires to vote in this contest may do so by ballots cut from The Washington Herald or by special vote coupons obtained by subscribing to the Washington Herald. All ballots cut from The Washington Herald must be voted before the date printed thereon. If voted later, they will not be counted.

Persons living in one district are not confined to voting for candidates in their own particular district, but may vote for any one in the race.

Should you be in doubt as to the condition on which the awards are given, or desire any information regarding the contest, do not hesitate to write or call on the contest manager of The Washington Herald, where all information desired will be cheerfully offered.

**Instructions for Voting.** Enter the name of the candidate whom you wish to secure one of these magnificent rewards in this contest at once. He may win one of the grand awards or one of the district awards with but little effort. Those who get in on the start have the best chance of winning; so it is desirable that the names be entered at once in order to get a good start. Candidates who enter this contest do not necessarily have to be subscribers of The Washington Herald. Enter your name and your friends will do the rest. You will be surprised to see how rapidly the vote will come in and what little effort is necessary to win one of the rewards offered. Get in on the start and encourage your friends to vote for you. The rest will be easy. You will never know how popular you are until you enter a contest of this kind.

**INDICTMENTS RETURNED.** Grand Jury finds True Bills Against Alleged Offenders.

Howard Sargeant, negro, charged with attacking Bertha E. Tyler, fourteen years old, on March 8, near her home, 418 Eighth street southwest, was yesterday indicted by the grand jury.

Other indictments were returned against Fleming Whitby, charged with robbery and attempted robbery; Edith Smith, formerly Edith Smith, larceny; Charles Richards, alias Buck Phillips, carnal knowledge; Nathaniel Williams, assault with a dangerous weapon; Albert A. Schmidt, nonsupport of wife; Frank Jackson, larceny; William Gilbert, alias Willie Gilbert, and Nathaniel Smith, robbery; Mary Williams, robbery; and Eli Hawkins, assault with a dangerous weapon.

**REAL ESTATE NOTES.** Stone & Fairfax report the recent sale for Mrs. Bettie Naylor of her residence at 1114 O street northwest. This property has a frontage of 100 feet on O street and a liberal frontage on Twelfth street. It is constructed of red brick and green stone, and with its round bay window presents a very handsome appearance. It is heated by hot water and is modern for its age. The price was \$10,000 and the purchaser is a prominent business man, who is acquiring the property as a home. The house is situated in a desirable location and is well worth the price paid for it.

Shannon & Luchs report the sale of the property brick building at 761 Newton street northwest to J. R. Jaenett, who has purchased the property for an investment. It was recently completed, and is one of seventeen new buildings on the block. The consideration was \$4,350.

The following building permits were issued yesterday:

To George C. Pumphrey, for three two-story brick dwellings, from 216 to 220 Ninth street northeast; architect and builder, George C. Pumphrey; estimated cost, \$10,500.

To M. H. Herman, for two two-story frame dwellings at 1965 and 1985 Deland place; architect, A. H. Boerj, builder, M. H. Herman; estimated cost, \$9,000.

To H. Wardman, for sixteen two-story brick and frame dwellings, from 1236 to 1265 O street northwest; architect, A. H. Boerj, builder, H. Wardman; estimated cost, \$20,000.

According to information received by Ralph S. Tower, of 102 Massachusetts avenue northeast, the secretary of the birth of John Tower, who was the first of the family to come to this country, will be held in Hingham, Mass., on May 20, 30, and June 1. John Tower came to America with Samuel Lincoln, who was an ancestor of the nation's President.

Funeral rites of Mrs. Marguerite L. Carpenter, wife of G. Douglas Carpenter, who died on Saturday, were held yesterday afternoon at the residence, 1221 East Capitol street, Rev. Charles L. Nettie, pastor of the Episcopal Church, conducted services. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery. Mrs. Carpenter is survived by her husband, a sister Mrs. H. G. Hall, and a brother, Robert S. Bassett, of Colorado Springs.

## WOULD TAFT PENSION FUND.

Dr. Richards Plans to Draw on It for Operation on Fireman.

Dr. Alfred Richards, of the board of fire surgeons, reports that it will be necessary for Private G. L. Abell to undergo an operation, as his arm is fractured. He recommends that the expense of this operation be paid from the firemen's pension fund.

The new act provides that "whenever a member of the fire department requires surgical or other treatment which cannot be rendered by the board of police and fire surgeons the expense of such service may be paid from the firemen's pension fund, provided that no such expenses shall be paid except upon the recommendation of the chief engineer of the fire department."

Chief Wagner has made the necessary recommendation. Private Abell is the first which has come up under the new law, which was passed February 27 last.

## DAIRY CONFERENCE APRIL 1.

District Health Department to Frame Rules for Farms.

A conference to standardize the requirements of dairy farms will be held by the District Health Department April 1.

Those who will attend include the dairy farm inspectors and veterinarians connected with the local health department, representatives of the quarantine and dairy divisions of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, the Maryland live stock board and the Virginia State food and dairy commission.

## WILL HONOR THE PRESIDENT

Arrangements Under Way to Give Mr. Taft Complimentary Dinner.

Citizens of Washington and Two Trade Bodies Will Be Hosts to Chief Executive.

Arrangements are being made by the two trade bodies of the city for the citizens of Washington to tender a complimentary dinner to President Taft upon a date to be set by him. The purpose of the proposed dinner is to afford opportunity for some of the leading business men of Washington to meet the President in a social way, with a view to an awakened interest in the executive department of the government in the betterment of Washington as the Capital of the nation.

Yeste day the special committee appointed by the directors of the Washington Board of Trade met and passed the following resolution relative to the matter:

"Resolved, That a committee of four members of the Washington Board of Trade, with the president of the organization as chairman, be appointed to wait on the President of the United States and invite him to attend a dinner to be given in his honor by citizens of Washington on a date to be fixed by him;

"And that the Washington Chamber of Commerce be asked to name a similar committee to join in extending this invitation."

After the passage of this resolution, President Small, of the Board of Trade, appointed John Joy Edson, Theodore W. Noyes, and Scott C. Bone as his associates upon the committee to represent the Board of Trade.

Yesterday afternoon the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce met and passed upon several routine matters, and authorized the appointment of a special committee similar to that appointed by the Board of Trade to wait upon the President and invite him to name the date for the dinner proposed in his honor by the citizens of the city. The Chamber committee consists of William F. Gude, Allen D. Albert, A. C. Moses, and James F. Oyster.

The joint committee of the two trade bodies will probably call upon the President some day this week and settle upon the date for the banquet.

## Holy War Suppressed.

The State Department has been informed that the Sultan of Morocco has announced the capture of one Kityny, the leader of the revolt, near Fez, and recently started holy war suppressed.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Frank M. McLean, chauffeur, who ran into and painfully injured a fourteen-year-old girl last Saturday, forfeit his collateral in the Police Court yesterday morning.

For attempting to hold up and rob Percy Murray, a white man, Saturday night, Sheriff E. O. J. Eyring, of the Police Court, sentenced him to one year in jail by Judge Mulvey, in the Police Court yesterday.

Roger Willis, negro, twenty-one years old, was sentenced to one year in jail by Judge Kimball in the Police Court yesterday, for the crime of larceny, by taking a watch from a man who was arrested Sunday at the request of Maj. Sylvester. Yaman is wanted here on a charge of obtaining \$40 from Miss Rose A. Seville, with force and violence, by false promises.

According to a ruling made by Judge Kimball in the Police Court yesterday, separate forfeitures must be made for persons charged with vagrancy and repeated drunkenness. The first offense under the new act of March 3, but the judge ruled that repeated drunkenness must come under the old act of years, chief.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, has requested the Civil Service Commission to supply him with additional food and drug inspectors. Examinations for these positions will be held May 1. The positions pay from \$1,000 to \$1,800 a year. Six appointments, all men, will be made from the list of eligibles.

The body of Albert C. Lum, the aged man who came to Washington by false promises, was removed from the morgue yesterday afternoon to the undertaking establishment of William Lee, 32 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, where it will be prepared for shipment to Chicago.

Twenty-four uniformed policemen will bear the body of Policeman J. A. Dunnington to the grave in Congressional Cemetery this afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the residence, 622 North Carolina avenue southeast, at 2 o'clock. Dunnington died Sunday afternoon of pneumonia. He was a member of the police force forty-two years.

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## BUILDING OF GREAT CATHEDRAL BEGINS

Work on Foundations of the Edifice Under Way.

MRS. SATTERLEE ON GROUND

Widow of Bishop of Washington Expresses Pleasure at Seeing Construction of Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul Actually Started—Will Have Seating Capacity of 27,000.

Work on the foundations of the Washington Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul at Mount St. Alban, in Wisconsin avenue, was started yesterday, and within the next two days laying of the masonry at the east end will be under way.

It is planned to begin building operations at the east end, where the altar stones was laid in May last, and work to the west, first completing the foundation wall around the altar site. A dozen workmen started breaking ground yesterday. This force will be augmented to-day and to-morrow, and by Thursday a full force will be engaged on the new edifice.

It is understood that Henry Vaughan, of Boston, the architect, will visit the grounds within a few days.

Arthur Heaton, supervising architect, visited the ground yesterday and consulted with members of the contracting firm of Richardson & Burgess, who are in charge of actual construction work.

**Fear Delays in Construction.** It is hoped to complete the cathedral within three years, but as much of the material used will come from a distance, it is probable there will be many delays. The greatest delay, it is thought by the contractors, will be in laying in place the massive pillars and heavier stone work.

Many Episcopalians visited St. Alban yesterday and commented favorably on the inauguration of active work. Mrs. Satterlee, widow of the Bishop of Washington, was a visitor, and expressed her pleasure at seeing work actually started on the building, which was once in large measure, its existence to the indefatigable work of her husband. Several clergymen of the Episcopal Church visited the site yesterday, an expressed their delight at the work which was under way.

Standing on the highest part of Mount St. Alban, nearly 400 feet above the Potomac River, covering an acre and a half, with the ground sloping away from it on every side, its roof line appearing to the eye on a level with the top of the Washington Monument, the new cathedral will stand a thing of majestic beauty in plain view of all Washington.

Rising 220 feet from the center of the building will be the main tower, comparing favorably, in point of beauty, with the famous towers of Westminster Abbey. Two towers of lesser height will rise from either side of the altar.

**Will Be Thing of Beauty.** Passing down from tower to roof and walls, any one standing on the esplanade of the Capitol will view the flying buttresses, the deeply-recessed windows of transepts, the tracery of the clerestory windows, the carved parapets, crocheted pinnacles, the statues with their canopies, and great surfaces of massive stone ashlar or plain surface, transforming the Mount into a thing of beauty.

The chief entrance to the edifice will be at the west end. Flanked by two great protecting towers, a great doorway similar to those of the French cathedrals will take the place of the large archway of the old cathedral. The arches, simple and massive, by their very simplicity will give an inspiring and impressive appearance. The central arch is to be seventy feet in height and the side arches fifty feet. The central arch will lead into a deep portico, twenty-five feet deep and stretching nearly the whole width of the cathedral.

Entering the doorway, the worshippers will be welcomed by the length of the nave to the altar. High above the congregation will rise the cross, in the middle of the chancel arch. The chancel arch itself will be a characteristic feature, the carved parapet, crocheted pinnacles, the statues with their canopies, and great surfaces of massive stone ashlar or plain surface, transforming the Mount into a thing of beauty.

From every part of the great cathedral, whether a person gazes from the west end of the aisles, or from crossings of massive piers, the brightest spot of light will fall on the Jerusalem altar, or communion table, of soft dove colored marble, standing in pure simplicity, with the richly carved and lofty reredos behind it.

**Will Seat 27,000 Persons.** The new cathedral, when completed, will seat 27,000 persons. It will be the great Milan Cathedral, and 2,000 more than St. Paul's, in London.

The plans for the cathedral were drawn by the late Dr. G. F. Bodley, R. A., of London, and Mr. Vaughan. Both men have planned many famous buildings.

Arthur Heaton, the supervising architect, chosen by Architect Vaughan, is a Washingtonian. He is a comparatively young man and his position is a responsible one. He is the architect of the Marlboro and Highlands apartment houses in Washington, and has done many other pieces of work, demonstrating his ability to take active charge of the great work of building America's greatest house of worship. Mr. Heaton studied in Europe in 1903 and 1904, and has won an enviable reputation in the architectural world.

**Will Take Post Graduate Course.** The Navy Department yesterday announced the names of officers of the Medical Corps who will begin a post-graduate course in the Navy Medical School in this city on April 15, as follows: Surgeons N. J. Blackwood, R. E. Kennedy, W. H. Bell, R. T. Orris, R. E. Leobetter, Esq.; assistant surgeons A. E. Peck, J. F. Murphy, S. S. Rodman, L. H. Wheeler, C. T. Grayson, C. G. Smith; assistant surgeons T. G. Foster, E. L. Woods, A. H. Allen, C. B. Munger, E. O. J. Eyring, E. C. Briggs, F. J. Reed, A. H. Robinson, G. M. Olson, F. H. Brooks, and K. B. Meers.

**Not to Watch Castro.** Willard, of the United States Coast Guard, is ordered to the Dutch warships to proceed to Trinidad and watch the movements of Castro, have been conformed. The new orders were received to-day.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.** Take a small amount of Eucalypti Tablets, and you will find it cures a cold in one day. Eucalypti Tablets are on each box. 25c.

**Chianti Stravecchio**—A fine old, mild-tasting red wine. Excellent in quality. Imported from Italy. 88 dozen, 75c bottle, 40c 1/2 bottle.

**Christian Xander's** Quality House, 909 7th St. N. W. Phone Main 24.

## UNIVERSAL LABEL IS PLANT OF LABOR

Convention May Urge Adoption of the Idea.

LEADERS BEGIN SESSIONS HERE

Gathering of Union Label Trades Opens in Typographical Temple. Delegation Protests Against Use of Convict Labor on District Buildings—Urge Retention of Machinists.

These are strenuous days for union labor at the National Capital. Men and women wage-earners of the city, and delegates from all parts of the country are engaged in an enthusiastic campaign of education and organization. Clergymen, society women, members of Congressional committees, heads of the government departments, and the Commissioners of the District are all more or less involved in the scenes being enacted.

The chronicle of yesterday's happenings includes the initial meeting of the National Convention of Union Label Trades, an important session of the Central Labor Union, a hearing before the District Commissioners of a joint committee of workmen to protest against the use of convict labor in the construction of the new reformatory and workhouse, the reception by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop of a delegation of machinists to urge the officers of the department to take steps to prevent the discharge of employees of the Navy Yard.

Increased activity among the members of the newly formed Federal Labor Union of Women of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the consideration of Mr. Scullin and his proposed national industrial peace association by the Pastors' Federation of Washington. Clergymen at the Y. M. C. A. Building.

**Union Label Trades Convene.** At an all-day session in Typographical Temple yesterday the first convention of the Union Label Trades was organized, and took initial steps toward the formation of a union label department of the American Federation of Labor on about the same lines as the building trades department. There were sixty-nine delegates present, representing as many unions, and about 1,000 men, who have union cards, labels, or buttons.

The convention was opened by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who said that the courts of the country, with rare exceptions, had recently protected the union label from infringement.

The convention will be in session for three days, and it is more than probable that it will urge the adoption of a universal label to replace the many now in use. Three women delegates attended the meeting, and it is the purpose of the newly formed department to organize the women, children, and other friends of the laboring men and get them to pledge themselves always to demand the label on all things they purchase.

One of the best speeches of the day was made by Miss Annie C. Patterson, president of the Label Council Women's auxiliary of the great New York, a delegate to the convention.

**Labor Union Meeting Lively.** The meeting of the Central Labor Union last night was a lively affair. Chairman F. C. Roberts, of the label committee, made his report on the action of the national convention, and outlined its general plans. His short speech was received with much applause. A letter was read from President Gompers, saying that he was going to appoint a regular organizer for the District. In the past, the work of organization in this city has been carried on voluntarily by different individuals or committees, but from now on there will be a regular salaried organizer, who will have nothing else to do than to unite the workmen of the District. He has not yet been selected, but when he is chosen, he will probably be paid a salary equal to the average earnings of the trade at which he works.

The question as to whether the grand stand from which President Taft viewed the inaugural parade was erected by union labor was brought up and called forth some very caustic remarks when several members declared it was not. The question was referred to a committee of the building trades for a report to be made at a later meeting. The rest of the evening was taken up in consideration of minor changes in the constitution of the organization. Three women delegates to the label convention visited the meeting, and one of them, Miss Mary E. Draer, president of the Women's Trade Union League of New York, made an address. Her words were greeted with great applause.

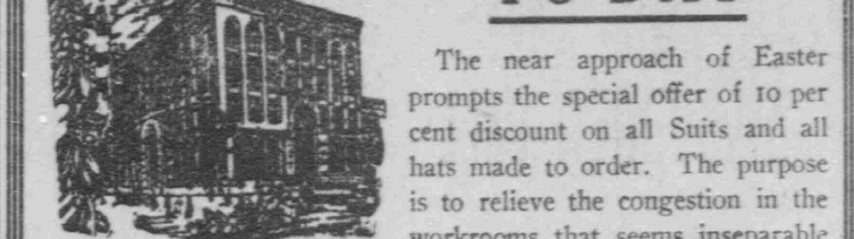
**Protest to Commissioners.** A joint committee, representing the building trades and mechanics' council and the Central Labor Union, attended a hearing yesterday afternoon before the District Commissioners to protest against the employment of convict labor in the construction of the proposed reformatory and workhouse. Commissioner Macfarland assured them that the prisoners would be used only in clearing ground and in erecting the temporary buildings. All the permanent structures, he said, would undoubtedly be put up by skilled laborers. According to the report made last night to the Central Labor Union, the assurances seemed to satisfy the joint committee.

Assistant Secretary Beekman Winthrop yesterday afternoon received James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, and Emmet L. Adams, president of the Federal League of Machinists, and for an hour discussed with them the conditions in the Washington Navy Yard. As a result of the conference, it is probable that the number of men to be discharged will be materially decreased, and there is still hope among the navy yard employees that the arrangement of annual leave while work is slack, it will not be necessary to discharge any of them.

Secretary Winthrop assured the delegation that he would be glad to look over for the interest of the men. It is expected that within the next month or two there will be considerable work to do at the yard in connection with the arming of new ships now in course of construction.

**Women's Union Framing Rules.** The members of the newly organized Federal Labor Union, formed for the purpose of ameliorating the conditions of the women employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, are working hard to complete their constitution, which they expect to have ready for adoption at their next meeting. There is a persistent rumor that labor circles of a delegation of society women of Washington intend to call upon Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh to intercede for the Bureau employees. As yet the matter has not been brought officially to the attention of the Treasury Department. Members of Congress are daily importuned by representatives of the working men and

## TO-DAY



THE PALAIS ROYAL

The near approach of Easter prompts the special offer of 10 per cent discount on all Suits and all hats made to order. The purpose is to relieve the congestion in the workrooms that seems inseparable from Easter business.

## Bring This Coupon.

Good Only Until 6 P. M.

This Herald Coupon entitles the bearer to ten (10) per cent discount—one-tenth deducted from the price marked on any Suit, Dress, or Costume selected here this Tuesday, March 30. Also to 10 per cent discount—one-tenth deducted—after materials for a new hat have been selected and the amount of the purchases have been reckoned.

## The Palais Royal, 6 St., 11th St.

A. LIGNER.

women of the District to aid both the navy yard employees and the women of the Bureau.

## Pastors Avoid Labor Question.

At a meeting held on the Y. M. C. A. Building yesterday morning the Washington clergymen who are members of the Pastors' Federation voted against taking any action in response to the appeal of P. H. Scullin, of the National Industrial Peace Association, to interfere in the great issue between capital and labor. The resolution of the executive committee in reference to the matter was adopted unanimously, and declared that while approving all laudable endeavors looking to the reconciliation of labor and capital, the clergymen thought that action in the matter should not be taken at present. This was equivalent to laying the whole subject on the table. The clergymen felt that owing to the hostility of the laboring men to Mr. Scullin, the continuance of his organization would defeat the very ends for which it was called into being. This and several other incidents have tended to create a better feeling among the laboring men of the District.

## DEATH ROBS NAVY BY SUDDEN CALL

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linos, which he commanded, and appointed to be chief of the Bureau of Equipment. He was quick to take the initiative in matters connected with the department. He took steps which others would not have dared take to improve the efficiency of the service, with the result that from 1905 to 1907 he served successively as Chief of the Bureau of Equipment, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, and Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. When Chief of the Bureau of Navigation he was frequently consulted by both the Secretary of the Navy and the Assistant Secretary, who regarded him with the highest esteem. This close relationship led to his being frequently commissioned to serve as Acting Secretary of the department, when both of these officers were absent.

## Praised by Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt recognized the long and efficient naval services in May, 1907, when Rear Admiral Converse retired as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, to be succeeded by Rear Admiral William H. Brownson. As a special mark of the President's consideration, Rear Admiral Converse was asked to remain on active duty as president of the board of naval construction, this position being created because of his long and efficient service.

"We cannot afford to lose the services of a man like Rear Admiral Converse," Rear Admiral Converse owed his remarkable aptitude in naval matters to his master mind, and also to the fact that he had long and varied experience both at sea and in the administrative branches of the Navy Department.

It was due to Rear Admiral Converse largely that the United States navy now has a battle-ship fleet of sixteen battleships under a single head, a homogeneous cruiser fleet under a single command in the Pacific, and a system of auxiliary war craft that works harmoniously with the bulk of the naval strength. He advocated this idea and built up the system which is now recognized as a necessity in naval warfare.

## Developed Smokeless Powder.

While Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, he helped to develop smokeless powder for the navy, and the first work done in this line was under his direction. In December, 1891, Rear Admiral Converse married Laura Shelby Blood, of New York.

He is survived by Mrs. Converse and three daughters—the Misses Maude and Olga Converse and Mrs. Huntington Wolcott Jackson, who was Miss Shelby Converse before her recent marriage.

## Price of Oil Is Cut.

Mexico City, March 28.—The British firm of S. Pearson & Son, Ltd., have taken the initiative in another reduction of prices in refined oil by cutting the price of petroleum 2 cents per liter and gasoline 1 cent per liter. The cut was met by the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

## DIED.

BARR—On Sunday, March 28, 1909, at 12:45 p. m., after a long and painful illness, E. BARR, beloved husband of Mrs. M. Barr, and father of May and I. and the late John F. Barr.

Funeral from his late residence, 511 P street northwest, on Wednesday, March 31, at 9 a. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

BELL—Departed this life on Saturday, March 27, 1909, at 4:30 a. m. JOHN R. BELL, beloved husband of the late Margaret Bell and father of the late Charles, John, and Lottie Bell, and father-in-law of Sophie and Bessie Bell.

Funeral Tuesday, March 30, from Mount Zion Church, Twenty-ninth street, Georgetown. Friends and relatives are invited.

BENSON—On Saturday, March 27, 1909, at 7 a. m., after a long illness, ELLA BENSON, beloved husband of Ella Benson (nee Lord).

Funeral Tuesday, March 30, at 3 p. m., from Lee's chapel, 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

COMINS—On Sunday, March 29, 1909, at 4 a. m., at the residence of her niece, Mrs. J. H. Downs, 123 F street southeast,